SHRI J. VENGAL RAO: For growth centres in 'No Industry Districts', one-third of the total cost of the project subject to a maximum of Rs. 2 crores for each district is to be given from Government of India. Four crore projects in the Central region should be given 50 per cent within the ceiling of Rs. 2 crores.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: In Uttar Pradesh out of 58 districts, 41 are industrially backward. Out of that, 11 are 'No Industry Districts'. My question is, how many letters of intent and how many industrial lincences were issued in these 'No Industry Districts' in U.P. during the years 1983 to 1986?

SHRI J. VENGAL RAO: Sir, in Uttar Pradesh the highest number of letters of intent and highest number of licences were given as compared to other States, but so many entrepreneurs are not willing to set up units there. This is the whole problem.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: That is not my question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Patel.

SHRI VITHALBHAI MOOTIRAM PATEL: Sir, I would like to know whether it is a fact that some of the State Governments have requested the Centre to change the criteria of 'No Industry District' and when Mr. N. D. Tiwari was the Industry Minister, he himself announced that Government is seriously considering changing the criteria from 'No Industry District' to 'No Industry Block'. Why is there so much delay in deciding the matter?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is being repeated. Mr. Mohanan.

SHRI K. MOHANAN: Sir, my question has already been put.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. Mr. Kulkarni. Mr. Panwar.

श्री भंवर लाल पंवार : सभापति महोदय, "नो-इंडस्ट्री डिस्ट्रिक्ट" की घोषणा करते हुए इन्फ्रा-स्ट्रक्चर के संबंध में कि उन डिस्ट्रिक्ट में बिजली और पानी की व्यवस्था है या नहीं, यह भी सरकार पहले देख कर करती है? अगर करती है तो इसके डवलपमेंट के लिए बिजली और पानी . . . (**व्यवधान**)

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has already answered this question. Next question No. 245. Absent. No. 246. Absent. Question No. 247.

*245. [*The questioner (Shrimati Ratan Kumari) was absent. For answer,* vide *cols.* 37-38 infra].

*246. [*The questioner (Shrimati Surya Kanta Jayawantrao Patil) was absent. For answer,* vide *cols.* 38—40 infra]

Setting up of solar-energy based frozen storage in Karnataka

*247. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Karnataka State Fisheries Development Corporation Limited, Mangalore had sent a proposal to the Central Goernment in 1983 for setting up 2 ten-tonne capacity frozen storage operating on solar energy in North Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government has since taken any decision in this regard; and

(c) what are the details thereof and if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Operation of frozen storage system using solar energy is a new technology which has been in a state of research and development. Due to the progress made in India in R&D, it is now possible to design and build such a system for fishery purposes and steps are being taken to set up a pilot plant for the Karnataka State Fisheries Development Corporation Limited, Mangalore.

SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: While thanking the hon. Minister for having taken note of the serious problem, I would like to draw the attention of the Minister to the fact that it is not only necessary that the proposed project be commissioned but it would be the first of its kind in the country and would be a major breakthrough in conventional type of storage, using electrical energy entirely generated from conventional sources. May I know from the honourable Minister as to what are the recommendations of the R and D and how much time does it take to be translated into action?

SHRI VASANT SATHE: Sir, we have already contacted some parties who manufacture the equipment, and we would be setting up this pilot plant. The idea is to have a combination of solar and bio-mass because solar energy will be available during the day and we will need to supplement it during the night by another source, and for that also we want to use a non-conventional source, that is, the bio-mass system. Thus the combination of these two would be able to give us sufficient energy for a pilot plant for deep freeze arrangement for fisheries.

SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Sir, the Karnataka Fisheries Development Corporation is a State public sector undertaking. The proposal was sent as early as October 1983, which is almost three and a half years. May I know from the honourable Minister, keeping in view the fact that there is a lot of pressure from the fishermen and Karnataka State having acute power shortage, whether the project would be cleared as early as possible? We have proposed to set up two tonner units to store about 10,000 k.g. of fish in each unit. and, so, as a special consideration would the Minister positively respond to this question and say in how much time it will be cleared?

SHRI VASANT SATHE: I am positively responding that it will be set up. We have already identified the parties and placed orders with them for preparing the equipment. About time I definitely cannot say, whether it will be one or two years; but it will be as early as possible. (*Interruptions*)

*248. [*The questioners (Shri T. R. Babu and Shri V. G. Gopalsamy) were absent. For answer*, vide *cols.* 39-40 infra.]

Report of the National Drugs and Pharmaceutical Council

*249. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Drugs and Pharmaceutical Council have submitted a report on the development of the drug industry;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the report; and

(c) if so, what specific recommendations have been made in the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b and (c) The relevant details are contained in the Report of the National Drugs and Pharmaceutical Development Council, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

श्री अशोक नाथ वर्मा : सभापति महोदय, क्या सरकार ने एसेन्शियल ड्रग्स के बारे में अंतिम लिस्ट बनाई है ?

SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH: Sir, on the category I drugs we have asked the Health Ministry to draw up the list and on category II, which is going to be the list of essential drugs, a committee has been appointed under the BICP Chairman and they are expected to submit the report by the end of May or the beginning of June.

श्री अशोक नाथ वर्मा : सभापति महोदय, क्या सरकार एसेंशियल ड्रग्स के प्राइस कंट्रोल के संबंध में कोई कदम उठा रही है या इस बारे में सोच रही है जिस से सामान्य जनता को ये दवाएं उपलब्ध हो सकें ?